

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Section 54-2604, Idaho Code, defines what a plumbing system is for the purposes of all the plumbing statutes in Chapter 26. The proposed amendment would expand the definition of what a plumbing system is by specifically including water heaters and associated venting of water heaters. Plumbers are allowed by law to install water heaters, but are not allowed to install the vents associated with such, which is costly to the property owner and causes delays. HVAC contractors are allowed to install water heaters and all associated vents. Plumbing contractors historically were allowed to install water heater vents, but since the establishment of the HVAC regulatory enforcement program in 2004, have been prevented from doing so. This statutory amendment would give back to plumbers the ability to install such appliances and vents. HVAC contractors would still retain the ability to also install gas-powered water heater vents.

FISCAL NOTE

None.

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